

# SUMMARY OF THE GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

AWARD CATEGORY	PURPOSE/ELIGIBILITY	SPECIFIC JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS <sup>1</sup>	EXAMPLE PROJECTS <sup>2</sup>
<b>Agriculture/Forestry</b>	To recognize individuals, businesses, or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional achievement in developing sustainable resource management programs for agricultural or forestry operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated economic benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing private landowners with technical assistance to design and install waterfowl impoundments that improve water quality by reducing the use of pesticides and the runoff of fertilizer-laden silt (<i>Tennessee Partners Project, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Reducing a farm's impact on a local watershed by building stream crossings, installing a heavy-use area feeding pad, and implementing a grazing program (<i>John P. Davis, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Aquatic Resource Preservation</b>	To recognize the organized and sustained efforts of individuals, businesses, organizations, or agencies that improve or protect an aquatic ecosystem in Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness in the long-term protection and enhancement of the aquatic ecosystem</li> <li>Impact to the biological integrity and diversity of the aquatic ecosystem</li> <li>Integrated effort relating to adjacent land use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiating projects to increase public education about watershed issues and improving the quality of aquatic resources in the surrounding community (<i>Panther Creek State Park, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Protecting and restoring the ecological health of a river by addressing issues such as stream bank erosion and water quality, and developing meaningful local partnerships (<i>Harpeth River Watershed Association, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Building Green</b> (new category)	To recognize individuals, businesses, organizations, or agencies that further the widespread use of green building materials and construction techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration with existing green building programs</li> <li>Relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated economic benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A business or agency systematically constructs its new facilities using green materials and techniques</li> <li>An organization administers a program to make the practice of green building more accessible to the general public</li> </ul>
<b>Energy Leadership</b>	To recognize individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities for demonstrating outstanding leadership in improving energy efficiency, developing advanced energy technologies, and using renewable energy resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processes used to optimize the amount of energy consumed in operational activities (<i>if applicable</i>)</li> <li>Relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated economic benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the growth of renewable energy sources (<i>TVA Green Power Switch and Generation Partners Program, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Reducing the amount of energy consumed in the facility's manufacturing processes (<i>Delta Faucet Company of Jackson, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Education and Outreach</b>	To recognize individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies for achievements in community-based environmental education and outreach programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevance of the educational and outreach efforts to environmental issues that are particularly pertinent in a given community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteering time and resources to make a positive environmental impact on low income neighborhoods (<i>Knoxville CAC Americorps, 2005</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Green Schools</b>	To recognize schools that encourage pollution prevention projects on their campuses while increasing the environmental awareness of students and staff; awarded to 1 k-12 school and 1 institution of higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness in addressing issues relating to air quality; energy, land, or water conservation; hazardous materials management; or solid waste reduction</li> <li>Participation by the student body, staff, faculty, and community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a waste reduction program including reduce, reuse, and recycle elements (<i>Cumberland County High School, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Conducting a campus-wide energy conservation campaign, including an energy patrol (<i>Centennial High School, 2004</i>)</li> <li>Committing to achieve LEED certification for each of the five facilities being built on the new "Freshman Commons" (<i>Vanderbilt University, 2005</i>)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> These specific considerations are taken into account in addition to the standard judging criteria of ambition, innovation, education, cooperation, achievement, and commitment.

<sup>2</sup> For complete descriptions of the project examples, please refer to the Previous Award Winners section on the awards Web Site, [www.tdec.net/awards](http://www.tdec.net/awards)

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<b>Greenways and Trails</b>	To recognize individuals, businesses, organizations, or agencies that have achieved significant progress in furthering the protection or development of Tennessee's greenways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on particularly significant river corridors, scenic trails, and other areas of cultural value</li> <li>Involvement of neighboring communities</li> <li>Collaboration with regional or statewide initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquiring significant amounts of parkland to strategically coordinate a system of open spaces, trails and bike paths (<i>Metro Nashville Greenways Program, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Providing valuable volunteer services in planning and constructing trail routes (<i>William Fronk, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Hazardous Waste Management</b>	To recognize businesses that have eliminated or reduced the generation of hazardous wastes; awarded to 1 small and 1 large generator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall impact to human health</li> <li>Relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated economic benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing the quantity of hazardous waste generated through manufacturing processes (<i>Portion Pac, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Making significant progress toward achieving an ambitious goal of zero environmental incidents (<i>Olin Corp, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Conducting a comprehensive, self-sustaining hazardous material management program (<i>Fort Campbell, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Lifetime Achievement</b>	To recognize individuals who have devoted at least 25 years of effective and valuable service to Tennessee's environmental protection or conservation stewardship; posthumous awards not made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notable personal achievements in areas such as natural resource management, conservation, education, public service, and political support toward Tennessee's conservation and/or environmental protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dedicating a career as an educator to teaching landowners, outdoor users, and youth how to manage and enjoy land and wildlife (<i>Dr. Jim L. Byford, 2004</i>)</li> <li>Acting as a civic volunteer to relentlessly advocate for Tennessee's watersheds and environmentally sensitive recreation areas (<i>Ann Tidwell, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Heritage Conservation</b>	To recognize individuals, organizations, businesses, or agencies for achievements in protecting, preserving, or restoring Tennessee's natural landscape and native flora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability of project to address multiple environmental, educational, recreational, and economic goals</li> <li>Effectiveness in the long-term protection and enhancement of biological diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forging partnerships to place significant amounts of ecologically significant lands in public ownership (<i>The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Redesigning an industrial park to conserve sensitive wetlands and buffer zones (<i>Coffee County Industrial Park, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	To recognize public sector parks for achievements in implementing best management practices and creating innovative solutions to today's recreational issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extent to which project addresses issues of recreational trends and environmental balance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing native plants that promote sustained natural growth and implementing wheel-chair accessible trails and viewing platforms that give park visitors greater opportunities to view native wildlife and foliage (<i>Henry Horton State Park, 2005</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Pollution Prevention</b>	To recognize businesses that are committed to corporate environmental stewardship and that have significantly reduced or eliminated sources of environmental pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level of management commitment in preventing pollution through source / waste reduction and avoidance of media transfer</li> <li>Relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated economic benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycling waste cooking and motor oil into safe products and then reusing these materials in various operational processes (<i>Valley Proteins, 2005</i>)</li> <li>Reducing the amount of landfill waste generated and incorporating recycling into the goal-sharing (bonus) program for all employees (<i>Tennessee Koyo Steering Systems Co, 2004</i>)</li> </ul>